Ashfield Junior School

Inspiring our children to dream big, be extraordinary and change the world

7th November 2025

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back, I hope you all had a nice break. This week, children watched and discussed the **NSPCC online assembly** to help them learn more about how to keep safe in and outside of school. The focus of the assembly was to help children understand the different types of abuse, to understand that children have the right to be kept safe and to know who a child can talk to if they need help. Class teachers facilitated the assembly and led discussions and support where necessary. I am sure children found it educational and gave them guidance on what to do if they are anxious or have a concern. **Autumn 2** is always a very busy period with lots of events happening in school. Some of the highlights include school trips to Bushey Library, Whipsnade Zoo, Hindu temple, Year 3 Nativity Play, Remembrance Day assembly, carols at St James' Church and the Winter Fair! Look over the newsletter for further information. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado

A very happy birthday to: Sophia (5C), Mila (4V) and Raffie (4V)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **97%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.9%** Well done!

A big well done to **4V** who are our Punctuality Champions.

Please help us by ensuring your child's arrival is prompt. The school gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am. If possible, please schedule doctors or dentists appointments after school.

Special Achievements

It is always a pleasure to hear about children's achievements outside of school.

Congratulations to **Erik (5C)** who was awarded Player of the Day for the second time at his football club Titans. Well done!

If your child has any achievements out of school that they would like to share with us in our Friday special assembly, please email it into the office admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

House Points

It is always lovely to see so many children be awarded individual house points for excellent work or effort, modelling the school values or going above and beyond in the classroom.

Attenborough	**-**	**130**
Blackman	-	115
Fiennes	-	127
Storey	-	124

Well done to Attenborough

Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week. Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

Year 3: Fred & Sebastian (3M) and Sienna (3AC)

Year 4: Leia (4C) and Areesha (4V)

Year 5: Joel (5D) and Hady (5C)

Year 6: Daisy (6H) and Gracie (6K)

Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week! Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

Year 3: Haasini (3AC) and Shae (3M)

Year 4: Maria D-J (4C) and Ella (4V)

Year 5: Kena (5D) and Penny (5C)

Year 6: Blue (6H) and Grace C(6H)

DSPL9 Parent & Carer Newsletter

Welcome to the DSPL9 newsletter. This provides families with all recent and current local SEND information. The newsletter will be published fortnightly. Please click on the link below to be re-directed to the newsletter.

Newsletter

This can also be found on our website

Individual Photographs

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have lost your Proof you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711.

For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

The website for these codes is

www.getphotos.co.uk

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **Tuesday 11th November 2025.**

Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library

Year 3 will be visiting Bushey Public Library and will walk there and back.

3AC will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm on Monday 24th November

3M will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm on Wednesday 26th November

To enable children to get the most out of this visit, they will have the opportunity to look around the children's library and choose a book to borrow and read at home. A membership form will be sent home with the children next week and should be returned to school by **Friday 21st November**.

Membership of Hertfordshire Libraries is free.

We require a small number of helpers. If you are available to help on the day please contact the school office by email

admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

Open Classroom - Save the date!

Parents will be invited into the classroom to see their child's work on **Friday 12th December.** Our morning invite is open from 9:00am to 9:30am and our afternoon is open from 2:30pm to 3:00pm. Further information will be shared with you soon.

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Friday 28th November**.

End of Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 19th December** and return to school on **Monday 5th January 2026**.

Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 6 visited Whipsnade Zoo as part of their Science Topic on Evolution and Inheritance and had a fascinating day. They looked carefully at rhinos, giraffes and penguins to see how the species have adapted to their environments over time.

The staff would like to extend their thanks to all those who have already purchased a book from the Amazon Wish List. Thank you for your generosity, we really appreciate it!

Autumn Term Dates

We would like to share with you all, a few things that are coming up this term.

Saturday 6th December - Winter Fair at Merry Hill organised by FOMH.

Tuesday 2nd December - 4C Cornet Performance

Wednesday 10th December - Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents at 1.45pm

Friday 12th December - Open classrooms. This will give you an opportunity to come into school and look through your child's books. We will have one session from 9:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

Monday 15th December - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

Wednesday 17th December - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

4C Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4C have been learning the cornet with our fantastic music teacher, Ms Oliver. They would like to show off their skills and hold a performance for parents on **Tuesday 2nd December** at **9:05am**. The performance will be about 30 minutes long. If you are interested in attending, please enter the school at the lower gate from 9:00am where you will be escorted to the performance.

Year 6 - 2026 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2026** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login.

Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

As part of our RE study of Hinduism, we have arranged a visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Hare Krishna Temple on **Thursday 4th December**. This is an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into Hinduism as a living faith. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login

Year 6 World Warriors: On a Mission to Save the Planet

This year, Year 6 children have been invited to **save the world!** We're a small but mighty group of 10 students, using research to explore the real effects of climate change that we can see and feel around us.

We know that climate change can have devastating consequences on people, animals and plants – leading to the loss of habitats and disruptions all over the world. That's why we've launched our **mini mission to make a big difference,** starting right here at Ashfield Junior School.

Our group, the **World Warriors,** has already met several times to plan the positive changes we want to make in our school community. As our first step, we will be introducing **recycling bins** in classrooms, offices and shared spaces to help everyone their do their part. We will be working closely with the **Eco-coun**cil to make sure this project runs smoothly and becomes a lasting success.

Follow our blog to keep up with our progress and join us on this important journey – together we can fight climate change one small step at a time.

Eco Council

We are very pleased to have our Eco Council. Two member from each class have been chosen.

Ruben and Kayla (3AC) and Reuben and Isla (3M)

Oscar-James and Leia (4C) and Olivia and Rafe (4V)

Zayn and Skyla (5C) and Abigail and Finnley (5D)

Ayla and Tyaan (6H) and Grace and Iya (6K)

Stationary

At Ashfield we provide basic stationery; HB pencils, rulers, erasers, sharpner, coloured pencils and glue-sticks… but many children like to have their own stationery sets. A small pencil case is ideal and could contain the items above.

Tissue Box Donation

As cold and flu season approaches, the school is requesting donations of tissues to help keep our classrooms healthy. Please send in a box or two of facial tissues with your child. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Absence Reporting

In order to maintain accurate attendance records please can we remind parents and carers that for Safeguarding reasons, absences from school should be reported **daily** to the school office with a reason for absence, **we unable to accept unwell as an acceptable reason.**

This can be done by ringing the school number 0208 950 2350, choosing option 2 or your can email the school office by **9.10am everyday of your child is absent.**

admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

Christmas Post Box

From **Monday 1st December** the Ashfield Post Box will be available for children who wish to send cards to their Ashfield friends. The children can post their cards at break time and lunchtime. Children should remember to put the full name and class of the child to whom they are sending the card. If they just write "Doris" on the card, the Year 6 post children will not know which class to deliver it to. The last day for posting is **Monday 15th December**.

St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 15th December** for our Carol Concert (no parents). Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, has a coat and appropriate footwear.

If your child normally does PE on a Monday, they should still come to school in their PE kit wearing a warm coat and trainers.

We require a small numbers of helpers. If you are available to help on the day please contact the school office by email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Wednesday 10th December at 1:45pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:35pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Jumper Donation

If you have any freshly washed, good condition Christmas Jumpers that you no longer need or the children have grown out of and are happy to donate please can you bring into the school office by **Friday 12th December**.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 17th December**. There will be music, festive hats, delicious food and laughter as staff get involved in serving the children! Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper on Wednesday 17th December over their school uniform or PE kit.

All children are welcome to have Christmas dinner. Please tick on the form that has been sent home with your child's choice and return to the school office by Wednesday 19th November 2025.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing our own free verse poems using descriptive vocabulary and the different senses.
Maths: We will be finishing our work on mental addition, in particular securing the 'think 10' and 'think 100' strategies.
Science: We will be starting our new topic on Rocks.

Year 4

English: we will be looking further into explanation texts and using subordinating clauses to up-level our writing.
Maths: we will be completing our unit on factors.
Geography: we will be looking closely at the way the world is divided on a map.

Year 5

English: We will be writing setting descriptions that include fronted adverbials and figurative language. Our descriptions will be based on our new book, 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'.
Maths: We will be learning about common factors in maths this week.
Geography: We will be choosing and researching one of the main cities in North America. We will use what we learn to create an information leaflet.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore using repetition, inspired by Michael Morpurgo, in our writing. Mrs. Kothary's group will explore ways to create imagery in writing.
Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring factors and multiples. Mrs. Kothary's group will compare 6 and 7 digit numbers.
Science: we will begin learning about Evolution and Adaptation following on from our trip to Whipsnade.
History: we will be learning how historians and archaeologists learnt about the Mayan Civilisation.

School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for the week ahead. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink account in credit. As a reminder; meals cost £3.41 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Suace
BLUE	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

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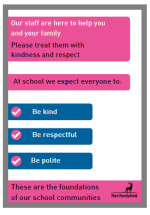

School Blog

Amazon Wishlist

Upcoming Events

Monday 10th November	**Forces Club**
Tuesday 11th November	**4V Swimming**
Monday 24th November	**3AC Visit to Bushey Library**
Wednesday 26th November	**3M Visit to Bushey Library**
Friday 28th November	**Inset Day**
Thursday 4th December	**Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor**
Saturday 6th December	**Winter Fair (11am to 2pm)**